

Home Consecrated as Parsonage of High Street Church



Patty Keaggy, Donald Nelson and Rev. Barbara Cann.



Historic Howland House (1840-1850) at 421 High Street becomes the new High Street United Methodist Parsonage.



Joe and Lin Calista.

On Thursday, May 1, in the back yard of the Howland House at 421 High Street, the wind cracked and split away half the upper trunk of a longstanding crab apple tree. It was under that tree, where Ernest, George, and Carolyn Washburn had played, and Joe and Lin Calista had watched their children grow, that those two families came home again to tell the tales of yesteryear and yesterdays. The occasion that brought them all together was the dedication of that house as the new parsonage for the High Street United Methodist Church.

It was a glorious morning of worship in the sanctuary.

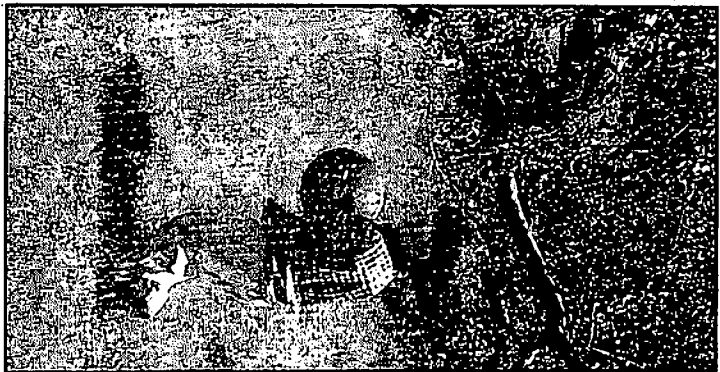
Present were: Ernest, George, and Carolyn Washburn with their spouses Janice and Regina; Ernest's children Susan Foster and Scott Washburn. Susan was accompanied by her husband Vincent and

their child, Mathew. Scott was accompanied by his wife and three children, Eamon, Coleman and Aislinn. Ernest's other daughter, Sandra Morecroft could not attend as she now lives in Davie, Florida. Also attending were Joe and Lin Calista, who sold the house to the church. Among the congregation present were Estelle Hutchinson, Priscilla and Ed Harris, Edith Erikson, and Don Nelson (son of Herbert and Edith Nelson) whose families have and in some cases still do live on High Street.

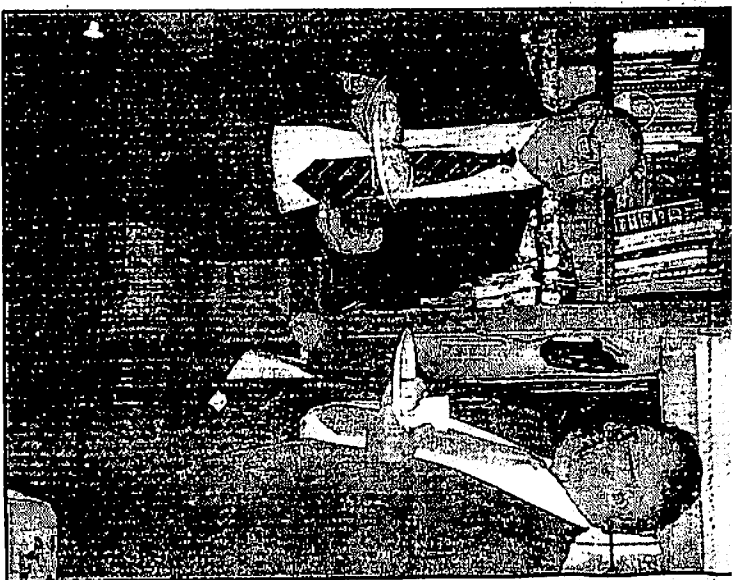
Rev. Cann, with Donald Nelson, chairperson of the Trustees, and Patty Keaggy, chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, conducted a consecration ceremony. Susan Foster, on behalf of her grandmother Mary Washburn, then presented the pastor with a framed cross-stitch sampler of the Lord's Prayer, to be displayed in the parsonage.



Extended Washburn family. Back row (l-r) George Washburn, Janice Washburn, Carolyn Washburn, Regina Washburn, Ernest Washburn. Front row, Vincent and Susan Foster with son, Mathew, and Scott and Mara Washburn and children, Aislinn, Coleman and Eamon.



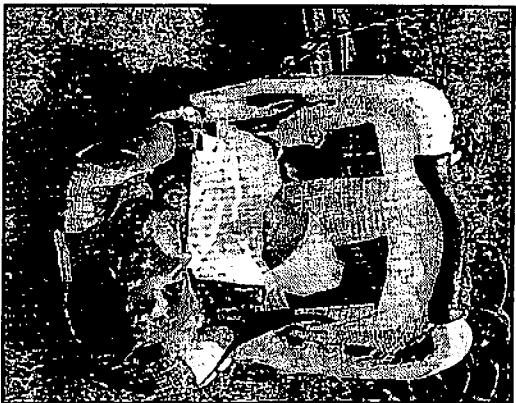
Coleman Washburn, fifth generation at 421 High Street.



Joe Calista and George Washburn, 421 High Street residents.



Emily Bell and Alex Bowler were on hand to welcome people to the parsonage.



Eamon Washburn, fifth generation, "enjoys the event."



Mathew Foster watches his mother, Susan, present Rev. Barbara Cann with a gift.